



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

**Sunday, August 27,  
2017**

Twelfth Sunday of  
Matthew

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliaotos

**Ushers**

Naji Nassif

Diane Kavelaras

Demie Bitinis

**Greeters**

**Epistle Reader**

Andrew/Sophia

Douglas

**Coffee Fellowship**

Baby Shower for  
Presvytera Stephanie  
& Father Simon—  
hosted by the Parish  
and coordinated by  
Elpis

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. We are blessed that you have come to our worship service, and hope that you will be both enlightened and inspired. Every Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are attending an Orthodox Church for the first time, our service may be foreign and perplexing to you. We assure you that everything we do is firmly rooted in the Scriptures. Please feel free to participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper – to be, among other things, the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Faith. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practices of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the end of the service.

## First Antiphon

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*Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!*

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

Psalm 102:2

Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:17

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

## Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Psalm 145:1-2

Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 145:5

Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Psalm 145:10

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

## Third Antiphon

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Apolytikion of the Sunday

Verse 1: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Psalm 117:24

Verse 2: Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 68:34

# Resurrectional Apolytikion

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*Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Third Mode*

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has wrought might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

# Hymn of Martyr Phanurius

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A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth; \* the hosts of the Angels keep an earthly festival now in splendor and radiant joy; \* from on high, they praise with hymns the sufferings and struggles; \* and below, the Church does laud the heavenly glory \* you founded by your contests and pains, O glorious Phanurius.

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Tone*

Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before the Ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the great grace. Therefore, with him let us cry out unto the Theotokos, "Hail, Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε εχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

# Seasonal Kontakion

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

**Sunday, August 27,  
2017**

St. Poimen the Great  
St. Phanourios the Great  
Martyr

**Monday, August 28,  
2017**

St. Moses the Black of  
Scete  
Sts. Diomedes & Lau-  
rence

**Tuesday, August 29,  
2017**

Beheading of St. John  
the Baptist  
St. Theodora of Thessalo-  
niki

**Wed., August 30, 2017**

Sts. Alexander, John &  
Paul

**Thurs., August 31, 2017**

Placing of the Honorable  
Sash of Theotokos

**Friday, September 1,  
2017**

Ecclesiastical New Year

**Sat., September 2, 2017**

St. Mammias the Martyr  
St. John, Patriarch of  
Constantinople

## **Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17**

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 8**

**Psalm 67.35, 26:**

God is wonderful among his saints.  
Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians  
6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Sunday, August 27,  
2017**

Fast Free Day (No fast-  
ing restrictions)

**Monday, August 25,  
2017**

Fast Free Day (No fast-  
ing restrictions)

**Tuesday, August 29,  
2017**

Strict Fast (Refrain from  
meat, dairy, fish,  
eggs, wine & oil)

**Wed., August 30, 2017**

Strict Fast (Refrain from  
meat, dairy, fish,  
eggs, wine & oil)

**Thurs., August 31, 2017**

Fast Free Day (No fast-  
ing restrictions)

**Friday, September 1,  
2017**

Wine & Oil are allowed.  
(Refrain from meat,  
fish, dairy, and  
eggs.)

**Sat., September 2, 2017**

Fast Free Day (No fast-  
ing restrictions)

## **Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26**

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At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

# Visitation Committee

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**August:** Stephanie Poplos & Friend

**September:** Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

**October:** Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

**November:** Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

**December:** Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

**January:** Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

**February:** Vicki Hoover & Family

**March:** Linda Nichols & Anne Schmitt

**April:** Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

**May:** Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Capadalis Love, Georgia Karris

**June:** Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

**July:** Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

**The following members of our parish family have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.**

Alec Collis  
Kosta Taras  
Presvytera Bess Vieron

***Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.***

# Announcements

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- ◆ **NEW!! Weekly Library Hours**—every Tuesday 10:00 am—2:00 pm.  
Don't forget that we now have regular library hours! Billy & Carri Benson are our new librarians. Every Tuesday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the library is open for your use. Come bring your lunch or stop by for coffee and read, study or write. Children are welcome. Books available for all ages.
- ◆ **Baby Shower Coffee Hour for Presvytera Stephanie**, Sunday, August 27th following the Divine Liturgy in Cotros Hall.  
The entire Parish is invited to shower Presvytera Stephanie & Father Simon as they await the arrival of a baby boy in mid-October. This event is being hosted by the Elpis Philoptochos. Registry: Amazon, Target, Babies"R"Us, and Pottery Barn Kids.
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting**, Sunday, August 27th at 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room.
- ◆ **REAL Kick-Off Dinner**—Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ted & Stephanie Storgion Poplos  
**All young adults** 18-35, *Married and Unmarried*, are invited to a casual dinner get together at the home of Dr. Stephanie Storgion (Poplos). There will be beer and wine and a delicious dinner served up by Dr. Stephanie and me! I hope you all can make it! For more information, please contact Alexis Moore at alexismoore419@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Fall Fashion Show Luncheon**, Saturday, September 16th, 11:30 am in Cotros Hall.  
Tickets—\$30.00 will be available in Cotros Hall on Sundays. Tickets will be \$35.00 at the door. Tables of 8 can be reserved with pre-event day ticket purchase. Funds raised will benefit the DOP Scholarship Fund and various other charitable organizations. For more information, please see the flier on the parish website, on the bulletin board, on Facebook and in Father Simon's weekly email.
- ◆ **AHEPA Family Day Community Picnic**, Sunday, September 17th, 4:00 pm at Houston High School Park. The Softball game will begin at 4:00 pm. Afterward, the Vergos family is donating the delicious Rendezvous Barbeque, and Watermelon will be provided. It's all Free!

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, August 27th — Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

† Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Baby Shower for Presvytera Stephanie & Father Simon—hosted by the Parish and coordinated by Elpis 12:00 Noon

† GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon

## **Tuesday, August 29th — Beheading of John the Baptist**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Library 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **Wednesday, August 30th**

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

## **Friday, September 1st — Ecclesiastical New Year**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy

## **Sunday, September 3rd — Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew**

† Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am — 12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

## **Monday, September 4th—Labor Day**

Church Office will be closed